

TEACHERS: JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

2015 International Year of Soils

Monthly Themes

- January**
Soils Sustain Life
- February**
Soils Support Urban Life
- March**
Soils Support Agriculture
- April**
Soils Clean and Capture Water
- May**
Soils Support Buildings/
Infrastructure
- June**
Soils Support Recreation
- July**
Soils are Living
- August**
Soils Support Health
- September**
Soils Protect the Natural
Environment
- October**
Soils and the Products We Use
- November**
Soils and Climate
- December**
Soils, Culture, and People



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When students look in their backpacks, what do they find? Chances are that almost everything in them can be traced back to the Earth—the soil, to be more precise! Whether it's gym clothes made from cotton and wooden pencils from trees, leather soccer balls that came from cows that grazed on grasses, to computer chips made from silicon processed from sands, soil supports us and all life as we know it! Soils are a complex mix of ingredients with unique properties—minerals, air, water, and organic matter—and there are many facets to understanding soils.

To raise awareness of and promote the sustainability of our limited and vital soil resources, the United Nations has declared 2015 as the International Year of Soils!

As part of this global celebration and awareness campaign, the Soil Science Society of America is inviting all educators to discover the amazing story of soils with us through our teaching resources so you can help share the world of soils with your students—our next generation of soil scientists and enthusiasts!

Each month features information on the theme, a lesson plan, and activities. You'll receive this information prior to each month, via email.

Plus, we're putting together a packet that we will send to you in late 2014. It will include lesson plans, a soils overview, *Soil! Get the Inside Scoop* book (to the first 4000 who request the packet), posters, an I "heart" Soil ruler, I "heart" soil stickers, and more.



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